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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Original) A method of providing electronic procurement to a purchasing entity comprising:
 - accessing a database containing variable elements of an on-line catalog, the elements including items suppliable by a vendor;
 - constructing an electronic catalog having one or more pages by selecting elements to be included in the pages, and providing commercial terms applicable to the included elements, where the selecting and providing steps are performed consistent with contract terms between the purchasing entity and the vendor;
 - providing electronic access to the catalog to users authorized by the purchasing entity;
 - and
 - providing a selected page of the catalog to the user in response to user input.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~An host architecture~~ A system for an electronic procurement site comprising:
 - an access interface to access and read from a database containing variable elements of an on-line catalog, the elements including items suppliable by a vendor;
 - a plurality of web documents stored on electronic media forming pages of an electronic catalog, the web documents generated from elements selected in accordance with contract terms between a purchasing entity and the vendor, and at least one web document containing commercial terms applicable to the selected elements;

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a web server for providing electronic access to the catalog to users authorized by the purchasing entity.

3. (Original) A method of providing electronic procurement to a purchasing entity comprising:

accessing a database containing dynamic elements of an on-line catalog, the elements including items suppliable by a vendor;

constructing an electronic catalog having one or more pages by selecting elements to be included in the pages, and generating commercial terms applicable to the included elements; where the selecting and generating steps are performed in accordance with contract terms between the purchasing entity and the vendor;

providing electronic access to the catalog to users authorized by the purchasing entity; accepting browsing commands from the user to display catalog pages selected by the user;

providing an electronic shopping basket function configured to hold the identification of items chosen by the user from the displayed catalog pages;

sending contents of the electronic shopping basket to a vendor for fulfillment of the identified items to the purchasing entity in accordance with the contract terms; and

collecting a fee from the purchasing entity that is based on the value of the contents of the electronic shopping basket.

4. (Original) A method of hosting an electronic procurement site ("e-procurement") by a host, the method comprising:

providing an web-based interface for a user to access the e-procurement site;

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identifying the user's level of authorization when accessing the site to thereby engage in an e-procurement session with the host;

generating a plurality of web pages to form a user-specific catalog which includes a set of deliverables that may be supplied by a supplier to a purchasing entity, wherein items contained in the set of deliverables and commercial terms for the supply of the deliverables are determined between the supplier and the purchasing entity in advance of the e-procurement session; and

connecting the user through the web-based interface to catalog pages selected in response to the authorization level.

5. (Original) A method of fulfilling electronic orders, the method comprising:

providing a user electronic access to a catalog of deliverables that may be ordered by the user where the catalog is constructed according to terms of a contract for purchase and sale of deliverables between a purchasing entity and a supplier;

accepting browsing commands from the user to display catalog pages selected by the user;

providing an electronic shopping basket function configured to hold the identification of items chosen by the user from the displayed catalog pages; and

sending contents of the electronic shopping basket to a vendor for fulfillment of the identified items to the purchasing entity in accordance with the contract terms.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of hosting an electronic procurement site ("e-procurement") by a host comprising:

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providing an web-based interface for a user to access the e-procurement site to thereby engage in an e-procurement session with the host;

receiving user information when accessing the site;

generating one or more web-page listing items and prices associated with the listed items suppliable by an OEM to a purchasing entity, where the listed items and prices are determined between the OEM and the purchasing entity in advance of the e-procurement session;

connecting the user through the web-based interface to selected ones of the user-specific web-page where the selection is performed in response to the user information;

accepting an order for a listed item at the associated price from the user;

forwarding the order to a VAR for fulfillment of the ordered listed item at the associated price to the purchasing entity;

tracking the ~~ordered~~ order on demand from the user; and

reporting the status of the tracked order on demand from the user.

7. (Original) A method of providing electronic procurement from a host to a user within an organization comprising: